Sharing of the cost of MUIP

3309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of the Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) to be shared on 50:50 basis between the Central and State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) The Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) is eligible for funding under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), provided the State Government agrees to fulfil the Mission's reform requirements.

As per the JNNURM guidelines, 35% of the cost of approved projects in Mumbai will be provided as grant by the Centre. The State will contribute 15% of the cost of the project. The remaining 50% of the resources are to be raised from Financial Institutions.

Global Strategic Development

†3310. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to consider the constitution of a task force, for Global Strategic Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of constitution of this task force; and

(d) the selection procedure and functioning of the constitution of this force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Task Force on the subject "Global Strategic Development" has been set by the Government on 28th October 2005. The Task Force originally comprised seven Members. Two more Members were include *vide* order dated 18th November 2005, thereby raising the strength of the Task Force to nine.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The Task Force comprises experts from diverse fields and is mandated to examine various facets of the evolving *Global Strategic Development* and their implications for India.

(d) The constitution and selection of the Task Force has been approved by the Prime Minister. The tenure of the Members is for a period of six months from the date of their first meeting or so for such extended period as the Government may determine. The National Security Council Secretariat is servicing the Task Force.

NDC meeting

3311. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently held National Development Council meeting has decided to set up a sub-committee to look into the debt relief to States;

(b) what are the other divisions that have been taken with regard to Ministry of Agriculture;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NDC has opined for increasing the cash component in the Food-for Work programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) National Development Council in its meeting held on 27th & 28th June, 2005 decided to set up a committee under the Finance Minister to examine relevant issues relating to the debt burden of States and debt relief with reference to their debt outstandings against the National Small Saving Fund (NSSF). The Committee has already been constituted on16th September, 2005 under the Chairmanship of the Union Minister of Finance.

(b) Recognizing the fact that agriculture and irrigation have been a common theme in the interventions of the Chief Ministers, and that rejuvenating the agricultural credit system, providing some measure of relief to farmers, improving the quality of extension work, attending to the specific needs and problems of dry lands and wastelands and enhancing investments in irrigation have emerged as common concerns, the NDC agreed to form a sub-Committee for drawing up implementable action plans in agriculture and related issues. The Sub-committee has already been